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hobby. It is attractive in itself and allies the student at once with many departments of natural science. It is impossible to get out of range of interesting things to be examined, and while different workers will undoubtedly get returns proportional to their interest and insight, ample returns can be had by all.

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SOME OF THE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY AS SEEN BY ONE OF THE
OLDER MEMBERS

In the light of the fact that specialization is on the increase, one of the problems of the society at present is in bringing together and holding together the older and the newer members. The newer members are apparently less interested in the perfecting of methods, and more in the resulting knowledge of biology. The older members possibly like to dwell more on the instrument and on the beauties and adjustments found in it, and on its possibilities as an instrument of precision. We need to see that these interests are by no means antithetical, but rather supplementary. Many modern workers do not use their instruments and their technic to the point of refinement practiced by earlier workers; nor get the full value out of the modern improvements in the microscope and its accessories.

We need also to see that the Society meets the needs of both the beginner and the man of research. If it is worth while to have a general society containing amateur workers, it is worth while to take such steps as will make the society helpful to the independent worker with the microscope, *even when he is making his start*. In many instances the back volumes of the Society will contain much that is valuable to the beginner. Can't we have a series of notes, or a comprehensive article, on "How the New Worker May Independently Take up the Work With the Microscope?" Would not such a discussion, coupled with a brief department of notes and suggestions of a practical nature, help keep alive the amateur and independent worker who has not the opportunity of personal association with other workers?

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